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Missoula Children's Theater

*Hansel and Gretel
brought to stage*



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PHOTOS BY SSGT RHIANNON WILLARD

Left: Elmendorf Honor Guard members march past members from the Anchorage Vietnam Veterans motorcycle club “Rolling Thunder” as they prepare to present the American flag and the POW/ MIA flag. This tribute was in honor of the annual 11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony held at Merrill Field.

Below: World War II veterans gather and pay respect to fallen comrades during the annual 11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony. Mark Begich, Anchorage mayor, and other local citizens were in attendance.



Above: Lt. Gen. Howie Chandler, 11th Air Force commander, says a few words during the annual 11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony held at Merrill Field.



Elmendorf AFB Honor Guard members raise the American flag and the POW/MIA flag during the annual 11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony held at Merrill Field airport Aug. 12. The memorial stands in memory of the men and women of the 11th Air Force and other services who served in the defense of Alaska and our nation during World War II. The memorial includes more than 1,000 names of veterans to include those in POW/MIA status.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner. If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

- Lt. Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
- Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
- Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304



Staff Sgt. Yanitza Campbell, 3rd Operations Group standardization and evaluation completely redesigned the office filing system into a user friendly electronic format in compliance with Air Force instructions.

She reorganized and updated office continuity books to ensure completion of critical office tasks on short notice with zero training. During the Pacific Air Forces' standards and evaluations staff assistance visit, she set up a work area and computer stations for team members to complete briefing slides and the SAV draft report.

Tech. Sgt. Brent Maxwell, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, propulsion flight saved a \$3.5 million F-15C jet engine from unnecessary maintenance.

He was dispatched to the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit for a hot-start malfunction, where he discovered a bleed cylinder spring had snapped in half.

After engine removal and delivery to the back shop, he masterfully replaced the spring without disassembling the engine.

Sergeant Maxwell saved an \$800,000 core module change, making the engine serviceable in eight hours.

Pacific Air Forces Initial Communications Package (PICP) Team, 3rd Communications Squadron, working under stringent time constraints and without any notice, distinguished themselves by installing a wireless microwave communications link to two deployable debrief facilities on Elmendorf's flight line.

Their superb work enabled the 19th Fighter Squadron to perform classified F-15 mission debriefs while Civil Engineers completed renovations to the debrief facility.

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3rd Wing Moment in History

18 August 1992:

Mount Spurr, a volcano approximately 80 miles west of Elmendorf AFB, erupted spewing and spreading about ¼-inch of fine ash over the base and local area.



Preparing families for deployment

Many resources available locally to provide assistance, comfort

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

The Family Support Center is an excellent source for a variety of assistance and information to include the Air Force Aid Society, employment assistance, family life education, personal management, personal and family readiness, transition assistance, and volunteer opportunities.

As many members throughout the base prepare for upcoming Air Expeditionary Force rotations, the FSC stands ready to help.

Many know and many more will soon find that the deployment of a family member can be a very emotional and difficult time for many families.

But, by doing everything you can to get yourself and your family ready, you may find that you are better able to cope throughout this challenging time.

Families who know when a loved one is scheduled to deploy should prepare as soon as possible by talking to children and extended family members about what will happen during deployment, adjusting their routines, and reviewing financial and legal details.

Emotional preparations

Separation from a spouse or partner is hard, whether it's for six weeks or six months. If you know what to expect and come up with a plan for taking care of your household and yourself, you can be better prepared to handle the strong emotions that often come with a deployment.

Everyone reacts to the news of a deployment differently. You may feel angry, sad, confused, nervous, or have experience a strong sense of denial.

Some people may also start to withdraw from their spouse or partner to try and make the transition easier. All of these are normal reactions to a deployment.

But there are things you can do to feel better and get ready.

■ Find out as much as possible about the deployment, where your spouse will be, and how long the deployment will last.

By learning as much as you can about where your partner will be and what he or she will be doing, you may be able cope better with feelings of uncertainty. Try to remember that in some cases, you may not be able to get as much information as you'd like because of security issues.

■ Agree on a plan for communicating.

Talk about whether you'll stay in touch by telephone, e-mail, or letters, and how often or at what times you'll communicate. Will you be able to send a letter or e-mail each day, or will it be once a week? How soon can you expect to get a response?

■ Make a plan for being alone.

Family members who are at home while a loved one is away may be able to deal with anxiety and fear if they make plans to take classes, pick up new hobbies, or spend time doing things they wouldn't normally do. Set some personal goals to work toward during the deployment.

■ Talk about your feelings with your partner and encourage him or her to do the same. Share your fears and concerns about the deployment and work together to come up with a plan for handling them.

■ Find support for yourself. The FSC and most squadrons offer support in the form of social groups, counseling, or advice.

Look into what's available for you as a military family member.

Reach out to other people who are going through or have already gone through a deployment. Military families who have already experienced a deployment may have valuable tips and advice about handling the separation.

Participate in predeployment activities offered by your unit.

By reaching out to other people who are preparing for a deployment, you may be able to build a support system for the coming weeks or months.

■ Spend special time together as a couple and a family. Take the time to be alone with your spouse or partner before they leave. It's also important for children to have individual time with a parent in the days leading up to a deployment. Make time to be together as a family even if it's just for an ordinary activity like taking a bike ride or playing a game.

Preparing your home and life for deployment

The absence of a family member may mean that you'll have to do things differently at home and in the rest of your life. If you take the time to prepare for these changes, you may find it easier to adjust. Here are some things you should think about when you're preparing for deployment:

■ Review child and elder care arrangements. If you need help covering your child or elder care needs, contact any services that may be available to you through the military, in your community, or through another employer for support and resources. If you already have a child care plan in place, review it to make sure that the absence of a family member will not be a problem.

If there are certain chores or duties that the deployed member always does, make sure other family members know how to do them, too. In some families, one person is responsible for maintaining the car or for grocery shopping. If this is the case in your family, make sure

you feel comfortable taking on that responsibility on your own.

■ Update and check legal and financial documents and details. This should include updating wills and medical directives, creating powers of attorney documents, and ensuring that family members have access to accounts and documents.

■ Make sure all important contact numbers are easy to find. Gather information about how to reach the deployed family member, including numbers for contacting appropriate military officials for information and updates. Make sure you also know how to contact your spouse's family.

■ Create a family emergency plan. Talk about what you'd do in the case of an emergency, including where you'd go and how you would get in touch. Involve children and other family members in these discussions in appropriate ways.

■ Talk about how you'll handle finances during the deployment. If your deployed spouse typically takes care of the family finances, make sure that you feel comfortable assuming these responsibilities. Make sure that you agree on a plan for accessing and using all checking, savings, or investment accounts as well as safety deposit boxes. Go over all bills that will need to be paid during the deployment period, including taxes.

Helping children prepare for deployment

It's important to involve children in the preparations for deployment and explain to them exactly what a deployment involves in a way that they will understand. You may also want to:

■ Go over the "house rules."

Explain to your child that rules will not change during the deployment just because a parent or family member is gone. Enlist older children to help around the house by taking over a chore or duty that the missing parent or family member always did.

■ Encourage younger children to talk with older children who have already been through a deployment.

If you don't have older children, help your child make connections with the children of relatives, friends, or other military families who are familiar with deployment.

■ Make time for the family member or parent who will be deployed to spend "alone time" with each child in the family.

Take lots of pictures or make videotapes of your child and the parent who will be deployed doing everyday activities.

Document ordinary things, like getting ready for bed, reading a story, eating dinner, or playing a game. Put these pictures in a small album for your child or display them somewhere your child can easily see them. Many families also make recordings of the parent or loved one who will be deployed reading favorite stories so that children can listen to their voices when they are gone.

■ Give your child a special gift before the deployment begins.

This could be anything – a diary, a scrapbook, a watch, or a bracelet – as long as it's something your child can hold and look at when they're missing a parent or family member.

■ Make sure your child understands that he or she will be able to stay in touch with the deployed parent or family member by writing letters, talking on the phone, or sending recordings or drawings.

Sometimes children have trouble understanding the idea of a temporary separation, and they may think that they won't be able to talk to or communicate with their deployed loved one.

■ Come up with a way to count down the time that the parent or family member will be gone that children can understand.

Some families create calendars and mark off the days while others may come up with other ideas like filling up a jar with a chocolate or a sticker for each day the loved one will be gone.

If you're not sure how long the parent will be gone, you can mark the passage of time by making a paper chain and adding a link each day that the parent is gone, and then use the chain as a decoration when they return.

The Elmendorf Care Team will be hosting "Operation Family Top Cover III" Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the old commissary building across from the Family Support Center.

"This event allows the Elmendorf helping agencies an opportunity to talk with family members about services and activities offered, especially during times of deployment," said Ms. Jena Bienia, Family Support Center director.

The helping agencies, along with 3rd Security Forces Squadron, the Armed Services YMCA, the Officer's Spouse Organization and base volunteers set up a mock-mobility line in which family members can pick up a variety of deployment related pamphlets, books and fun give-a ways, all for free.

Families can have their photos taken when they arrive and by the time they leave, can pick up an "Operation Family Top Cover" T-shirt with their photo on it.

"The event is fun, educational and has been a success so far," added Ms. Bienia.

The time you spend preparing for a deployment pays off down the road. You'll find that you are better able to handle the stress of the separation and take care of yourself and your family.

The Family Support Center is located at 8535 Wewak Dr. and can be reached at 552-4943.

Editor's note: This is the first of a five-part series coordinated with the Family Support Center. The information is gathered from www.airforce-onesource.com.

Air Force One Source is available 24 hours a day.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHANE HEISER

Two F-15C Eagles from the 19th Fighter Squadron, intercept a C-21 Aug. 15 as part of a North American Aerospace Defense Command air sovereignty scenario during Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 05. Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 is the largest homeland defense/homeland security exercise ever conducted in Alaska – the first opportunity within the state to exercise an integrated local, state and federal government response to a series of simulated emergencies including natural disasters, terrorist attacks and mass casualty scenarios.

Arctic Warriors of Week



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN

Senior Airman Christine Baptiste

Duty title: 381st Intelligence Squadron, intelligence collection operator
Hometown: Brooklyn N.Y.
Hobbies: Music, movies, reading, shopping, cooking, working out, spending time with kids, and trying new things
Mission Contributions: Provides capabilities and intentions to the Alaskan NORAD Region “Top Cover for North America”
Time at Elmendorf: Two years, six months
Time in the Air Force: Three years, six months
Best part of being in Alaska: Long summer days
Supervisor’s comments: “Senior Airman Baptiste constantly goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure unit and personal success.” Master Sgt. Lisa Kinnunen

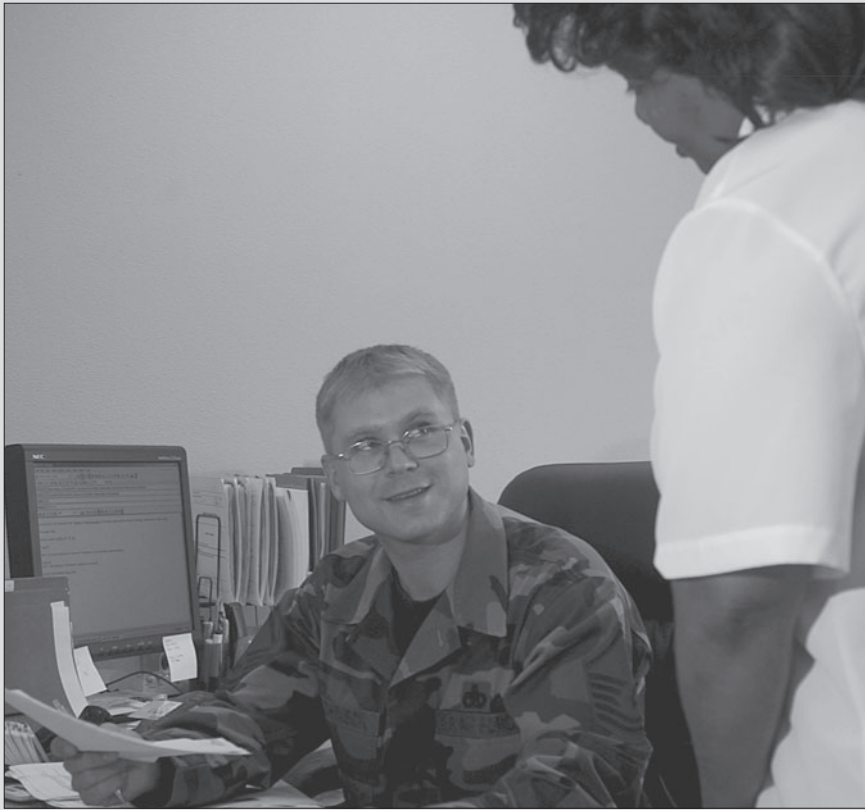


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Master Sgt. Adam Hutchinson

Duty title: 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, noncommissioned officer in charge of joint personal property shipping
Hometown: Cambridge, Ill.
Hobbies: Camping, fishing, snow machining, sightseeing and being with family
Mission Contributions: Manages and oversees the daily operations relating to the management of all aspects of personal property. This includes inbound, outbound, local moves, and nontemporary storage throughout the state of Alaska
Time at Elmendorf: Two years
Time in the Air Force: 11 years
Supervisor’s comments: “Adam’s dedication is top-notch! His non-stop work ethic has been vital to serving our customers during our busiest time of the year.” Chief Master Sgt. Bill Thoma

Timely child support is the law

By Capt. Peter Kezar
3rd Wing Legal

Isn't there a law that makes it a federal crime to avoid paying child support?

Yes, it is a federal crime to willfully fail to pay support if the child and noncustodial parent live in different states.

The parent can be charged with a felony if the past-due child support exceeds \$5,000, or is more than one year delinquent.

In order to convict a parent, the U.S. Attorney's Office must prove in

court that the parent was financially able to meet the child support obligation at the time the payment was due.

A major consideration in screening a case for federal prosecution is whether all reasonably available civil and state criminal remedies have been pursued.

Priority is given to cases:

(1) Where there is a pattern of moving between states to avoid payment

(2) Where there is a pattern of deception, such as using a false name or Social Security number

(3) Where the parent fails to make

support payments after being held in contempt of court

(4) Where failure to make support payments is connected to some other federal offense such as bankruptcy fraud

If you're having problems collecting child support, call Child Support Services in Anchorage at 269-6900.

Also, for other child support questions, call them or visit http://www.csed.state.ak.us/FAQ/FAQ_Interstate.asp.

If you need to talk with an attorney to get pointed in the right direction, call Base Legal at 552-3046.

Chairman to visit Elmendorf

General Myers brings USO performers to entertain Arctic Warriors

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will visit Elmendorf Tuesday evening with special guests LeeAnn Tweeden from FOX Sports and the Speed Channel, former NFL star and motivational speaker Gayle Sayers, comedian Colin Quinn and actor/comedian Jeffrey Ross.

At approximately 8 p.m. that night, General Myers will address attendees in Hangar 1, followed by a short show put on by the special guests. An autograph and photo session will occur immediately after the

show at the front of the hangar.

All military members, civilian employees and their families are invited to the event. Military members will wear the uniform of the day. People are asked to park at the base theater and the old Commissary building and take shuttle busses from those locations to the hangar.

Everyone attending the show must be in the hangar no later than 7 p.m. and the busses will run from 5:30-7 p.m. They will make return runs after the event.

Child care will be available until

10 p.m. The Child Development Centers will be open for the event, at a cost of \$3.70 per hour, if there is enough interest to cover the costs of keeping the centers open. If not, a list of home day-care providers will be available. The cost at the CDCs will include dinner. Parents interested in this child care option need to sign up at one of the CDCs or the School Age Program by noon today.

This will be General Myers' last visit to Elmendorf before his retirement in September.

For security reasons, no large bags, coolers or glass containers will be allowed in the hangar. Cameras will be allowed.



Golf tournament

The 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight tournament is scheduled for Thursday at Eagleleglen.

For more information or to register, call Airman 1st Class Michelle Haynes at 552-2803 or Staff Sgt. Kalonna Miller at 552-0331.

Dining facility closure

The Kenai Dining Facility, located on Arctic Warrior Blvd., will be closed today to Feb. 7, 2006 due to manning and deployments.

The Iditarod Dining Facility, located at 7535 Sharp Ave, and the Kenai Flight Kitchen will remain open for business.

Mix ‘n Mingle

Learn how you can mentor a child in as little as one hour per week with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, supported by Elmendorf’s Partnership in Education initiative with the School Based Program.

Lunch with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program will be provided by Pizza Hut, Aug. 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. For more information, call 552-4943.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball 2005 will be held on Sept. 10 at the Sheraton. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m.

Military attire will be Mess Dress or Semi-Formal. Civilian attire will be Formal.

Child care will be provided on location free of charge.

Tickets will be on sale through Sept. 5.

For information on ticket sales contact 1st Lt. Alvarez at 552-3569 or Senior Master Sgt. Stanton at 552-0048.

2005 Heart Walk

Come support Anchorage Heart Walk Sept. 10. Registration and pre-walk activities begin at the Delaney Park Strip at 9 a.m., and the non-competitive one-mile walk kicks off at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Michelle Sanford at 263-2014. Military members who are interested in participating may contact Lt. Col. David Jones at 552-2820.

Wipe out hunger

Beans Cafe needs help. This is the month of “The Great Alaskan Wipe-Out,” Beans Cafe’s annual toilet paper drive. There is no set amount needed, but a goal has been set of more than 6,000 rolls from the base.

The deadline to donate is Aug. 24.

The main collection/storage point for all the paper products will be Bldg 9341 (Spill Barn).

Interested volunteers can contact Master Sgt. Shannon Fortune at 552-3197 or email shannon.fortune@elmendorf.af.mil.

Material disposal

Base housing residents are asked not to put shipping debris in the dumpsters because it leaves no room

for regular household garbage, which then collects outside the dumpster, resulting in an unwanted attraction to wildlife.

Household shipping and packing materials can be picked up by the respective movers.

Another alternative is to place them out for the weekly housing curbside recycle pick up. For more information, call the Traffic Management Flight at 552-2299 or Aurora Military Housing at 753-1023 for scheduled pick up times.

TLA procedures

All outgoing military members entitled to Temporay Lodging Allowance need to bring a paid receipt(s), three copies of orders, and a non-availability letter from the North Star Inn (if hotel is located off-base), to the Housing Flight to process TLA before departing Elmendorf AFB.

Members living in on-base quarters receive four days of TLA and members living off-base receive five days of TLA. For more information, call 552-4439.

Child care providers

Services has more than 50 Child Care Providers in the FCC program.

Any individual conducting child care services in base housing for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be a licensed Family Child Care provider. This is in accordance with Air Force Instructions.

For more information on how to obtain certification, call the FCC office at 552-3995.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 7 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

DUI results in Article 15

Article 15s:

An airman with the 3rd Services Squadron failed to go to work on time.

Her punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$300 pay for two months, restriction to the limits of Elmendorf for 45 days and 35 days extra duty.

An airman from the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron failed to go to work on time and consumed alcohol while under the age of 21.

His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, restriction to the limits of Elmendorf for 45 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class with the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron drove a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and in a reckless manner.

His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to the limits of Elmendorf for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman 1st class with the 3rd Security Forces Squadron failed to go to two appointments and failed to go to work on time twice.

His punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$150 pay for two months and a reprimand.

An airman 1st class from the 3rd Communications Squadron failed to go to work on time.

His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman and suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months.

An airman 1st class with the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a vacation action for consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21.

A vacation action imposes a suspended punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article 15.

In this case, the punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman.

A senior airman with the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron failed to go to work, disrespected a NCO, squealed his tires at the gate and failed to secure multiple tools.

His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron was drunk on duty.

Her punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$150 pay for two months, suspended 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

DoD cautions against ‘loan-sharks’

By Terri Lukach

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has launched a new effort to educate servicemembers about the dangers of borrowing from “loan-shark” lending companies and to teach them how to avoid ending up in a spiral of compounding debt, a DoD official said.

The most prevalent type of loan-shark lending affecting military members is what is known as “payday loans,” said John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. “A payday loan is essentially a plug – money that gets you from today to the next payday so you can cover your bills.” The problem is that money is very expensive, he said in an interview.

“Typically, a payday loan of a \$100 will cost the borrower \$17 for two weeks. The average payday loan is about \$500, so now we’re talking about a fee of \$85.

“By itself, that’s not a big problem,” Molino said. “However, when you consider that it is not uncommon for a military member to roll the loan over four or five times, that \$85 will grow exponentially to the point where you are paying an enormous amount of money for the relatively meager amount of the loan.

“It got you through payday, but if you weren’t able to pay it off, now it’s two more weeks, and two more weeks, and you’re paying nearly 500

percent interest annually. That’s a lot of money to pay,” he said.

Considering that about nine percent of all enlisted personnel and 12 percent of all mid-level non-commissioned officers use payday loans, the potential for detrimental impact on mission accomplishment is very real, Molino said.

“If you’re in debt, you have other things in mind. You’re doing things other than concentrating on the mission; maybe you’re taking on other employment. The effects are long-lasting and go deep into a person’s performance; it affects unit readiness,” Molino said.

Part of the problem is the proximity of payday lenders to military installations. “If you look at where they position their businesses, they are right outside the gate,” Molino said. A recent study of 15,000 payday lenders in more than 13,000 ZIP codes in 20 states that host military installations revealed that payday lenders open their storefronts around military installations.

Molino said the department is taking steps, such as hosting fairs at military installations, to educate military members about the dangers of payday loans and familiarize them with ways to put themselves and their families on a sound financial footing.

Before you get into financial problems, contact the Family Support Center for financial guidance at 552-4943.

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land

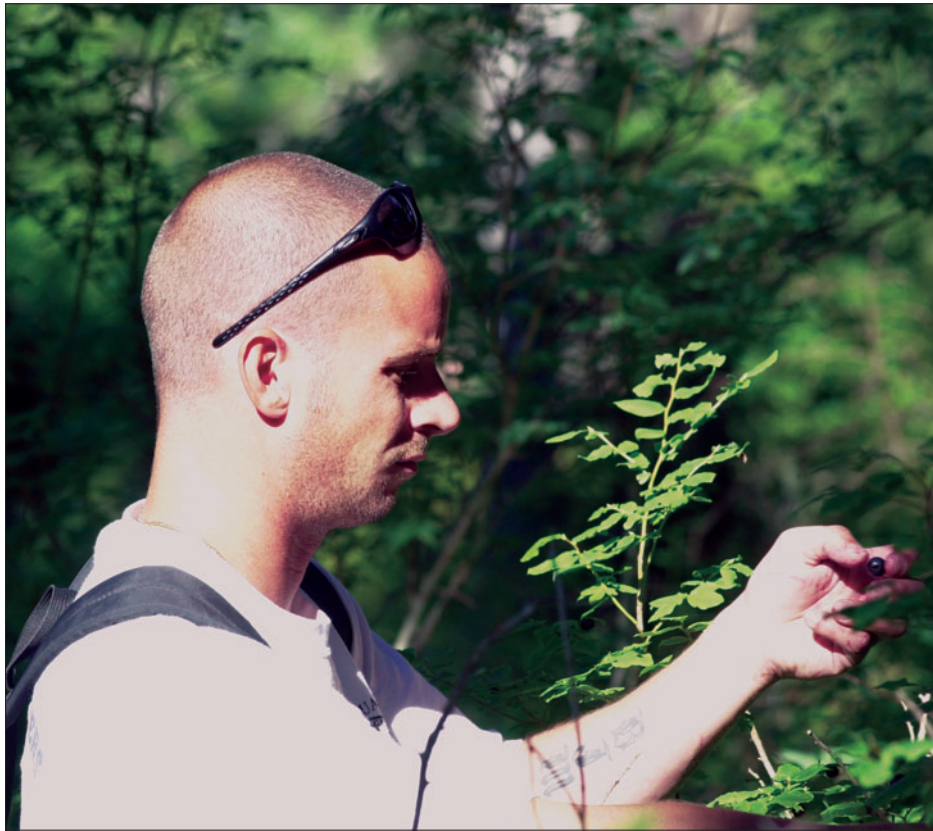


PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

Weekend respite

Whether you're wanting to fish, hike, bird see, or berry pick, Whittier is about an hour's drive south of the base.

Above: Ryan Wilson picks berries on a hillside about two and a half miles west of Whittier.

Right upper: Whittier is a popular location from which to set sail.

Right lower: Kathleen Wilson joins the family picking berries, although it seemed more berries were eaten than placed in the bag.

Below: This eaglet was spotted perched in its nest along the trail about a mile west of town.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RYAN WILSON



PHOTO BY DONNA BAKER



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

HANSEL AND GRETTEL

TAKE TO THE STAGE

NO LONGER ABANDONED

IN WOODS, TROUPE BRINGS

CLASSIC TO LAST FRONTIER

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

More than fifty base youth spent nearly a week rehearsing for this year's Missoula Children's Theater production, Hansel and Gretel.

The traveling theater from Missoula, Mont., returned to Elmendorf last week to round up base youth and put on the production.

The week-long program produced a full-scale musical using base children as cast members.

The musical depicted the tale of the two youths, abandoned in the woods but finding strength and courage to survive.

The story is set in a forest where a woodcutter and his wife and two children live. The wife makes plans to get rid of the children in the woods.

Hansel, the son, played by James Sweeney, catches wind of her scheme and sets his own plans into motion.

While his parents take him and his sister, Gretel, played by Kathryn Roberts, into the woods to be left behind, Hansel leaves a trail to

follow back to the family cottage.

The first attempt having failed, once again, Hansel and Gretel are taken into the woods; only this time, the trail of crumbs Hansel leaves behind is not there the next morning.

Lost in the woods, the two stumble upon a small house made of cookies and candy, spun sugar and cake.

Scared and hungry, Hansel and Gretel, break off a piece of the house.

Suddenly, the Wildwood Witch, played by Briana Greenwood, appears from inside the house.

At first, not wanting to alarm the children, the witch offers them a sumptuous meal and sweets, and allows them to sleep in her house.

Ultimately though, the witch plans to eat the children.

Hansel and Gretel eventually get rid of the witch and escape back to their father, who was against his wife's plan from the beginning.

Their father tells the children their mother is gone and the three live happily ever after.

William Murray, tour actor and production director, along with his wife, Kylie, develop and

coordinate the entire production from start to finish.

MCT was founded in 1970 by Jim Caron, who still serves as executive director. He and MCT musical director, Michael McGill have created the original musicals that are currently touring with 38 teams, including this one.

MCT is the largest touring children's theater program in the United States, and has nearly 60,000 participants annually from age five through 18 years old.

The teams also perform in five Canadian provinces and 15 countries.

The MCT has expanded their home-based training facility in Missoula, Mont.

MCT is always looking for people who believe in the value of their program and can offer support.

For more information on the program, go to www.mctinc.org, email mct@mctinc.org, or call 406-728-1911.

The MCT team is slated to return to Elmendorf in August next year and will again audition and cast between 50 and 60 children for another full-scale production.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Above: Hansel, played by James Sweeney, and Gretel, played by Kathryn Roberts, talk to Granny, played by Kylie Murray, during this year's Missoula Children's Theater production, Hansel and Gretel.

Below: Local children sing a song during the play, Hansel and Gretel, Aug. 14 at the base theater.

Left: Gingerbread characters sing and dance in the forest where Hansel and Gretel were abandoned by their parents.

On the cover: The Wildwood Witch, played by Briana Greenwood, sings a song in the Missoula Children's Theater production of Hansel and Gretel.



Invite downtown guests to clubs

By Mrs. Mary Rall
3rd Services Marketing

The Elmendorf clubs are the place to go on base for one-of-a-kind dining experiences, dancing and entertainment for both members and nonmembers alike.

Eligible club patrons can share the club experience with guests ranging from friends and family members through easy and convenient Club Guest Passes.

Sponsors can invite guests from off-base to everything from club events, such as enjoying a weekend evening at the Glacier Night Club, to sharing a meal at the Susitna Café during evening dining Fridays and Saturdays, or Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekly, by picking up the passes at the clubs.

Also, participation by guests is not limited to routine events and can be extended to any special event featured at either club.

Current club members with a Department of Defense or military identification card can sign out passes at the Susitna Club's Cashier Cage or The Cave or at the Kashim Club during normal hours of operation.

To gain access to the

base, guests must have a valid Guest Pass, driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. All individuals in each vehicle must have a valid guest pass and identification to gain base entry.

Passes will be valid from 6 p.m. Fridays through 3 p.m. Sundays and are limited to usage at the Kashim and Susitna Clubs only. Passes do not gain guest access to any other base or Services facilities.

The Elmendorf clubs are open to individuals of all ranks and include a wide variety of activities for

members and nonmembers to enjoy. Although members enjoy members first pricing at club events and activities, nonmembers can also enjoy all the clubs have to offer as well.

For more information on how to become a club member, find out about membership benefits and pricing or concerning Base Guest Passes, call 753-3131 or stop by the Susitna or Kashim clubs.

A club calendar of current and upcoming events and activities may be accessed at www.elmendorfservices.com.



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CGOC Night, Today with \$1 drafts at The Cave. 753-3131

Air Force Ball Tournament, Today for \$75 plus green fees at Eagle Glen. 552-3821

Meet Family Child Care Providers, Today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Paxton Park. 552-3995

Baked Potato Bar Social Hour, Today from 5-6 p.m. at The Cave and the Kashim Lounge. 753-3131

Belly Dancing Session Begins, Today for \$40, at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

Open Bowling, Today from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

All Night Xtreme Bowling, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$18 per person, at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Anchorage to Seward Ride, Saturday at 7 a.m. for \$20, with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Professional Artist Mock Mosaic Demonstration, Saturday, at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Old School Party, Saturday from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., at the Kashim Club. 753-3131

Clamming Trip, Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for \$30, with the Outdoor Adventure

Program. 552-2023

Family Xtreme Bowling, Get two hours of Xtreme bowling, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and popcorn for \$30 Sunday from 1-8 p.m., at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Back to School Camp, Monday through Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$130, at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Red Pin Bowling, Get a strike with a red headpin and receive a free game for every paid game Monday from 5-9 p.m., at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

5th Ave. Mall Trip, Monday from noon to 6 p.m. for \$3 and food and shopping money, with the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

HBR Fisherman's Challenge, Qualify to win a halibut fishing trip Monday and Tuesday from 5-9 p.m., at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Zoo Trip, Monday from noon to 5 p.m., with the Youth Center. 552-2266

Road Bike Training Ride, Monday at 5:30 p.m. for free, with the ORC. 552-2023

Bowler Appreciation Night, Bowl for \$1.75 per game Tuesday from 5-9 p.m., at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Kayak Lake Training, Tuesday at 5 p.m. for \$25, with the OAP. 552-2023

Eagle River Rafting, Tuesday at 5 p.m. for \$25, with the OAP. 552-2023

Wednesday Night Madness, Unlimited bowling Wednesday, 5-9 p.m. for \$18 per lane for up to five people, at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Fish Smoking Clinic, Wednesday at 6 p.m. for \$10, with the OAP. 552-2023

Introduction to Photography, Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. for \$45, bring your own camera, at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Otter Lake Back to School Bash, Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m., with the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Mountain Bike Training Ride, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for free, with the ORC. 552-2023

Part Day Preschool Registration, Thursday and Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. at the Katmai CDC. 552-5113

A-Liner Camper Special, Three days for the price of two Aug. 26-28, with the ORC 552-2023

* Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

RETIREES SAVE: Retirees receive a 20 percent discount off their meal at Retiree Appreciation Night Today at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

MOVIE: Dark Water (PG-13) Dahlia is starting a new life; she's determined to put her relationship with her estranged husband behind her and devote herself to raising her daughter. Her new apartment has mysterious noises, persistent leaks of dark water, and strange happenings, causing her imagination to run wild, leaving her to wonder who is behind the endless mind games. 7 p.m.

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BASE BEST: Claim the title as the best golfer on base by participating in the Base Golf Championship. The event is open to all active-duty members and includes a total of 36 holes of golf, eighteen in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. 552-3821

MOVIE: Dark Water (PG-13) See above for movie description. 7 p.m.

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DINE OUT: Make every Sunday an event by stopping by for Sunday Brunch at the Susitna Club from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The adult regular price is \$17.95, the adult Members First discounted price is \$14.95, youth 6-12 are \$6.95, and children under six eat for free. There are specialty items and more than 20 breakfast and lunch items for you to choose from. 753-3131

MOVIE: Rebound (PG) Robinson Coach Roy once was college basketball's top mastermind. But lately his attentions have been on his next endorsements, not on his next game. 7p.m.

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WIN CASH & PRIZES: Stop by Services facilities to receive your Pentathlon game pieces and then log onto www.pacfive.com to play and qualify to win \$5,000 in cash and prizes such as iPods and cruise vacations. A complete list of events where pieces can be obtained are listed on the website. 552-5900

SPORTS PAGE

Gridiron gridlock

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Teams from the 3rd Communications Squadron and 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, CE One, the “Fire Dogs,” faced off across the gridiron Monday in what was a tug of war to the end.

The two teams battled back and forth throughout the first half of play with Comm ending the half up by two points, 8-6.

If you think you know football, think again when it comes to flag football.

As the game unfolded, each team pulled out all the stops, employing trickery and tomfoolery.

The competition was fierce, but the feeling of camaraderie could also

be sensed between the teams.

The second half of the game was even more entertaining than the first.

The athleticism of the Fire Dogs threatened to cut the Comm team short of their third consecutive win.

At the end of regulation play, the game was tied at 14 points each.

By rule, each team was allowed four attempts to penetrate the other’s defense as far as possible.

The team with the deepest penetration, in this case, Comm, was declared the winner and awarded six points.

With a final score of 20-14, Comm retained their bragging rights of being undefeated.

Contact your unit’s sports representative to find out when your unit’s team is scheduled to play.



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

Above: Tom Anderson, Fire Dogs, tackles Derrick Fordyce, 81, Comm, by pulling his flag as he races toward the goal line.

Below: Josh Miller, Fire Dogs, snaps the ball as other team members prepare to execute their assigned offensive duties.

Below left: Richard Tibbetts, Fire Dogs, races toward the goal line after pulling in another reception from quarterback, Tom Anderson.

Left: Tyler Gagnon, Comm, eludes a tackle as Josh Miller, Fire Dogs, pursues.



Left: Mike Metcalf, 99, snaps the ball as other members of Comm leave the line of scrimmage as they run another play against the Fire Dogs.

AF Pioneers of the ‘50s

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Prosciutto source
- 4. Female fried
- 7. Hawaiian acacia with flowers
- 10. Ellipse
- 12. Benefactor
- 14. In falconry, short strap fastened around the leg of a hawk
- 15. Aerobics
- 16. To put on (a piece of clothing)
- 17. Hurts
- 18. USAF pioneer Gen. Nathan ____; 1st AF CJCS
- 20. Type of psych test
- 22. Obtained
- 23. The soybean
- 24. Army police officers, in short
- 27. Blob
- 29. Describing a roughly bounded part of the space on a surface
- 33. Dine
- 34. Excuse
- 37. Drum
- 38. Accountant, in short
- 39. ____ an engine
- 40. Make an offer

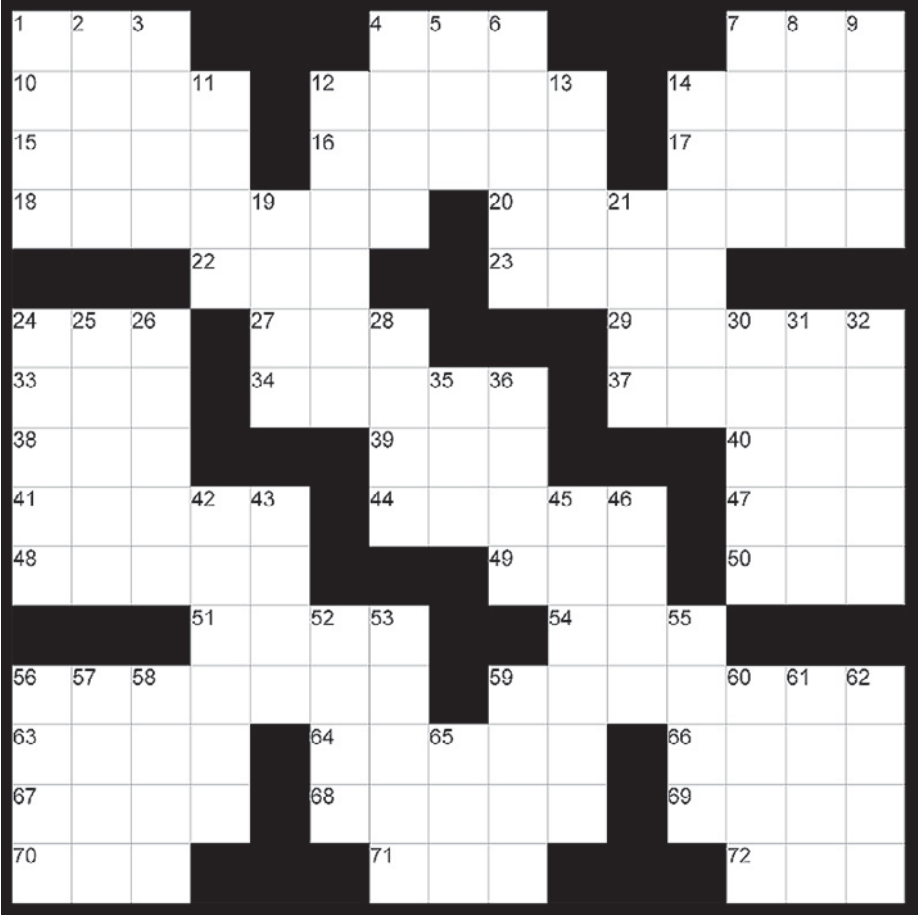


Last week’s solutions

- 41. Bay of Naples isle
- 44. Foe
- 47. First lady
- 48. Social outcast
- 49. Identify maiden name
- 50. Lair
- 51. Collegiate athletics governing body
- 54. Mil. pay during PCS
- 56. USAF pioneer Gen. ____ Schriever; AF “father of space/missiles”
- 59. USAF pioneer Harold ____; 3rd SECAF
- 63. Ontario neighbor
- 64. Chaplin movie ____ *Strange Predicament* (1914)
- 66. Actress Falco of *The Sopranos*
- 67. Canter
- 68. Bridges
- 69. Dial or touch
- 70. Concord plane, in short
- 71. Explosive combo
- 72. Dashed

DOWN

- 1. AF pioneer Gen. ____ Vandenberg; 2nd CSAF
- 2. Declare
- 3. Warlock
- 4. *The ____ Show*
- 5. Conjunction
- 6. USAF hero Maj. ____ Seville; 1st USAF MoH recipient
- 7. USAF pioneer Capt. Lillian Kinkel ____; flight nurse / decorated vet
- 8. Scandinavian capital
- 9. Helper, in short
- 11. Singer k.d.
- 12. Type of records
- 13. Nevada town
- 14. USAF hero Lt Col James ____; first jet ace
- 19. Midwestern state



- 21. Burmese currency
- 24. Islamic holy site
- 25. Dads
- 26. USAF Pioneer Col. John ____; G-forces scientist
- 28. Ominous
- 30. Dwindled
- 31. Existing
- 32. Weighed down with a load
- 35. ____ Nevis; highest mountain of Great Britain
- 36. USAF pioneer Capt. ____ Kincheloe; America’s “first spaceman”
- 42. Milk curdling

- 43. Ancient Peruvian empire
- 45. Achievement, Commendation, Good Conduct, etc.
- 46. Scream
- 52. Coat-of-____
- 53. Fit in
- 55. Assist
- 56. Wagers
- 57. Mistakes
- 58. Mob rule
- 59. Camping need
- 60. Smell
- 61. Singer Turner
- 62. Youth
- 65. Prohibit